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BIA sees no need for more police

BYWARD MARKET

Stabbings prompt safety discussions

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The ByWard Market BIA says allowing off-duty police officers to be hired by businesses as security wouldn't have prevented this past weekend's stabbings.

"We have an awful lot of police officers down here and I think we have some of the best coverage in the whole city," said BIA executive director Jasna Jennings. "The incident on Saturday night did not happen in front of a bar or restaurant."

On Saturday night and early Sunday morning five people were stabbed in separate incidents in the ByWard Market, prompting Ottawa Police Association president Matt Skof to call for increased officers in the market.

Skof suggested Monday that staffing levels are too low and bars and restaurants in the market should be able to hire "paid duty" officers as security. He said a bylaw requiring bars to hire a mandatory amount of paid duty officers on certain nights would increase the number of police in the area at no cost to taxpayers.

"You'd obviously build it into the costs of running your business," said Skof. "It's similar if you have a sporting event at Lansdowne Park."

Toronto allows bars to hire off-duty police duty officers and bars in Hamilton's Hess Village are required to hire a certain number at peak times.

"To just make an automatic connection that this happened so now we want people to pay for police officers — I think it's a very simplistic take," said Jennings.

Cyclists travel along the Rideau Canal Tuesday. EMMA JACKSON/METRO

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Ontario premier to talk recreational pot at summit in Whitehorse. Canada

POLITICS

Trudeau to start youth council

Justin Trudeau is asking youths ages 16 to 24 to help shape the future of Canadian policy.

Trudeau unveiled his plans for Prime Minister's Youth Council on Twitter Tuesday in a live question-and-answer session.

"I'm looking forward to showing young people and showing all Canadians that young people's voices and input matter deeply," he said in a video posted on Twitter ahead of the Q&A session.

The non-partisan council, Trudeau's own initiative, will provide input on national issues such as employment, education and climate change. The council will meet with the prime minister in person in October, and again in 2017. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Ottawa-raised tenor bows out of concert tour

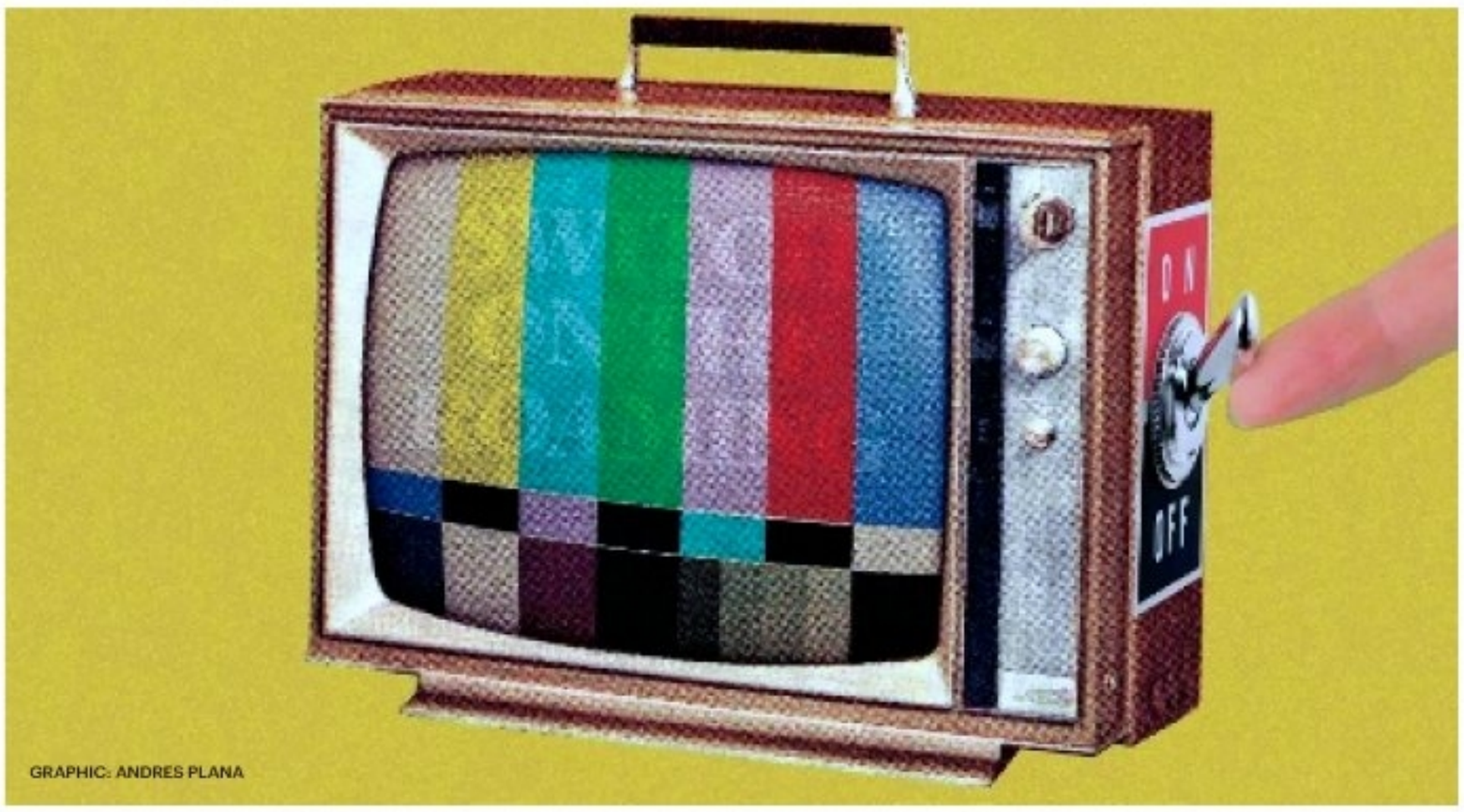
The Tenors member who altered the lyrics to O Canada prior to the Major League Baseball all-star game is backing out of at least two upcoming concerts in Ontario. Remigio Pereira recently apologized after making headlines for changing the verse "With glowing hearts we see thee rise, the True North strong and free," to "We're all brothers and sisters, all lives matter to the great." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Helping to 'cut the cord'

CABLE

CEO sees device competing against 'skinny' TV packages

Jacob Serebrin
Ottawa Business Journal



GRAPHIC: ANDRES PLANA

With a recent rise of streaming opportunities on the Internet, Canadians are dropping their cable subscriptions and are watching television shows online.

But not everything is available through these different avenues and one Ottawa-based company sees that as an opportunity.

Grant Hall, the CEO of Nuvyyo, says he wants to give people who have "cut the cord" the best of both worlds.

"They still want their local news, they still want their local sports, they want the key network shows and they want them when they air, not six months later," he says.

Nuvyyo has developed a device called the Tablo, which streams over-the-air television broadcasts to TVs and other devices. It can also record those broadcasts for later viewing.

Hall says that the Tablo can stream to almost any device using apps and works with both Android and iOS phones and tablets as well as Mac and PC computers.

He says it can stream between four and six devices or TVs at the same time, depending on the network. In Ottawa, 15 channels are available over the air.

"You get a lot of content," he says. That includes the most popular network television shows from the United States as well as any sporting events that are broadcast on major networks.

Since 2011, over-the-air broadcasts in Canada have been in digital high-definition.

"Over the air has a bit of an advantage because they're broadcasting at a very high bitrate," he says.

"Typically with cable and satellite, because they need to support a lot of channels, they have to compress or they have to make compromises."

Hall says the majority of his customers are still watching TV on traditional televisions.

Around one-third use the device to watch TV on tablets, laptops and phones.

Hall sees his product competing against the $25 "skinny basic" packages that cable companies were required to develop by the CRTC.

"We kind of view ourselves as the true skinny basic," he says.

Tablo is a product from Ottawa-based Nuvyyo. CONTRIBUTED

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Residents bored of billboard

LANSDOWNE

Locals call TD logo a 'blight' on a heritage landscape

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

Tim Leah has been fighting to get the bank's symbol removed from the RedBlacks stadium.
EMMA JACKSON/METRO

Appalling. Atrocious. Offensive.

Those are just some of the words residents have attached to the massive green TD Bank logo on the backside of the Redblacks stadium.

It's a blight, they say, on the heritage landscape of the Rideau Canal: a "knife in the eye" for visitors and locals trying to enjoy the paths and waterway that run through Old Ottawa South, according to John Dance, who has been trying to remove the sign since it was installed in 2014.

"You won't go along the whole 200-kilometre length of the canal and see anything so atrocious as that," said Dance.

TD owns the naming rights to the stadium at Lansdowne Park where the Ottawa Redblacks, Ottawa 67s, and Ottawa Fury play.

After two years, Dance is still fighting for change.

"If we want to retain that UNESCO World Heritage Site designation for the Rideau Canal, it has to come down, or be severely modified," Dance said.

He has asked Capital Coun. David Chernushenko to raise the issue with his council colleagues.

According to Dance, the 36 square-metre billboard has no business there.

It's only 50 metres from the Queen Elizabeth Parkway, when the city's own sign bylaws dictate billboards should be 500 metres back.

But, Lansdowne has its own sign rules — council approved a detailed plan in 2012 — and the billboard complies with every one of them, said the city's urban design manager John Smit.

Doesn't matter, said Dance.

"It's still not appropriate for its proximity to a heritage site," he said. "When you're walking along that beautiful canal, what dominates the viewscape is that TD sign."

He's not the only hater.

Old Ottawa South resident Tim Leah has sent his share of letters to TD Bank, the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group (OSEG), and city councillors.

"It just grates on me every time I go by, and I'm sure it grates on a lot of people," he said.

Both Dance and Leah feel the community wasn't properly consulted.

Lansdowne's wayfinding plan was included as part of site plan consultations in 2010, Smit said, and residents had a chance to address the issue at planning committee in June 2012.

But since the billboard itself conformed to the plan, it was "not subject to public consultation," Smit said.

OSEG's Graeme Ivory said the sign is compliant, but "we are always open to discussing any matter" with the community.

WEST QUEBEC

Police find wandering toddler

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

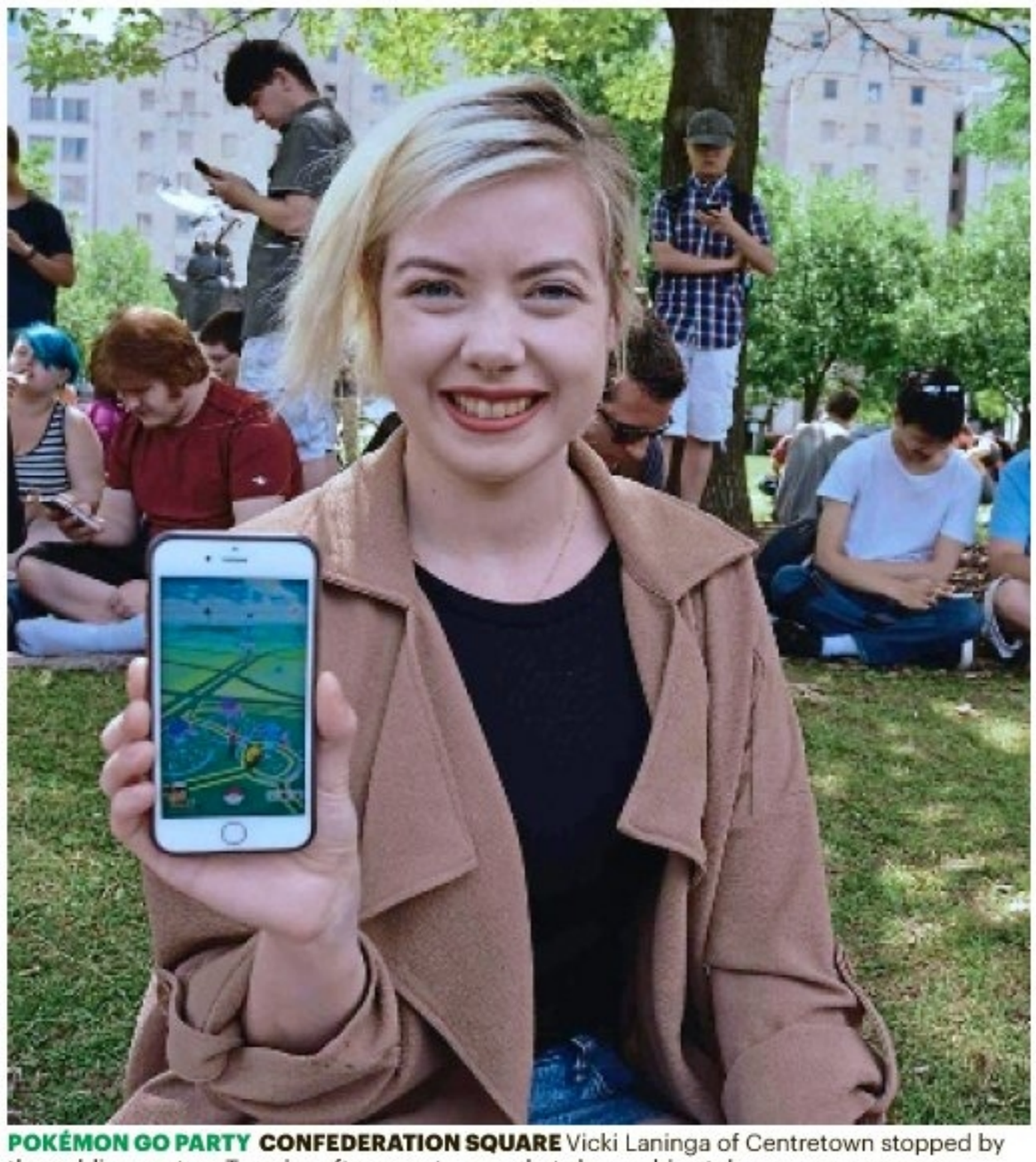
Police in West Quebec are investigating the case of a toddler who wandered a kilometre away from his Cantley home.

MRC des Collines police say they responded to the call at around 7:30 a.m. Saturday. A woman found the three-year-old tot walking alone down the middle of Des Erables Road, wearing a diaper, T-shirt and rubber boots.

When an officer arrived, she took the child and began patrolling the area in search of the boy's home. The tot was not able to say where he lived and there had been no reports of missing children.

Two hours later, police located the boy's home and returned him to his father. The tyke had strayed about a kilometre away.

The mother had already left for work at that time. Police are still investigating, but a report has been made to the director of youth protection.



POKÉMON GO PARTY **CONFEDERATION SQUARE** Vicki Laninga of Centretown stopped by the public event on Tuesday afternoon to see what she could catch. EMMA JACKSON/METRO

Poor pushed out of core

URBAN PLANNING

Property values driving people from centre: Advocate

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa's slight bump in housing values will continue to push lower-income earners outside the city's core, according to a local poverty advocate.

Linda Lalonde, of the Ottawa Poverty Reduction Network, says higher home values — which ideally correlate with their market values — mean those on the tail end of the middle class struggle with buying houses.

"Those folks can't afford to buy a home so they are then competing against the working poor for rentals," she said on Tuesday, a day after the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation started mailing out new housing assessments in Ottawa.

On average, Ottawa's housing values increased by 3.45 per cent since the last housing assessments in 2012.

Housing costs are a major barrier to eliminating the "working poor" class in Ottawa, said Lalonde.

A recent Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) report says the city's working poor class remained at five per cent between 2006 and 2012. By the CCPA's standards, someone who qualifies as the working poor class earns at least $3,000 per year, with an after-tax income below the low-income measure.

> **Folks can't afford to buy a home so they are then competing against the working poor for rentals.** Linda Lalonde

Linda Lalonde of the Ottawa Poverty Reduction Network is pushing for help for the working poor in terms of transit and housing. EMMA JACKSON/METRO

Toronto and Vancouver have seen a growing rate of this class, which widens the gap between the wealthy and poor. This results in what the CCPA calls a "Downton Abbey effect."

It's not as bad in Ontario, but it's still happening in the province's smaller cities, according to the report.

Specifically in Ottawa, Vanier has seen a dip in the working class rate as condos are sprouting up along the parkway, and the less building-intense Gloucester has seen a spike.

A solution, said Lalonde, is more low-income housing.

"It's not necessarily housing for people who are really, really destitute that we need," she said.

"But we need to have something that fills in the gap between people who are in say, Ottawa (Community) Housing, and people who are able to pay full market rent."

IN BRIEF

Charges laid in Barrhaven shooting Sunday

Two Ottawa men have been charged in connection with a shooting in Barrhaven Sunday night.

Police responded to Astoria Street around 8 p.m. and arrested three men.

Abdukerim Ibrah Hussen, 21, faces charges including weapons possession, possession of marijuana, cocaine and narcotics for the purpose of trafficking, among others. Edwin Edouard, 21, faces one count of possession of an illegal drug.

Police say one was injured in the shooting.

EMMA JACKSON/METRO

Police seek public's help

Ottawa police are looking for suspects after a man escaped his house during a home invasion on Bankview Place in Barrhaven last week.

Police say the man awoke to three men who demanded money. Witnesses report seeing four men run from the scene. Anyone with information is asked to contact police.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

A Tradition That's Here to Stay

As steward of Canada's Capital Region, the National Capital Commission (NCC) is proud to offer over 50 kilometres of car-free scenic parkways in Ottawa and Gatineau Park during NOKIA Sunday Bikedays. Every Sunday morning until Labour Day weekend, cyclists, in-line skaters, runners and walkers can discover and experience the Capital in an active way.

A community success

The NCC is delighted to welcome NOKIA to the Sunday Bikedays family—an NCC signature program that has been ongoing since 1970. "At NOKIA, we believe in making change happen together. We are excited to be part of this long-standing tradition that combines both community and respect for the environment," said Andy Thompson, vice-president of procurement at NOKIA. "The success and continuity of this program is largely thanks to the generosity and dedication of many volunteers who oversee the experience and help ensure safety during Sunday Bikedays." Building on some of its employees' long-term involvement in the program, NOKIA offers free bike repair clinics every Sunday morning on Colonel By Drive, at the intersection of Clegg Street.

Revisiting a classic

The NCC is making significant efforts to bring new vitality to NOKIA Sunday Bikedays, to create a richer and more dynamic experience for users in the coming years. "We are looking at enhancing on-site services, developing new routes and connections, and creating more partnerships," said Daniel Feeny, director of marketing and partnerships at the NCC. "Various studies and consultations will be undertaken with local community and business stakeholders to determine the feasibility and scale of future improvements, some as early as next year." We look forward to embarking on these changes, and invite commercial organizations that are interested in partnering with NOKIA Sunday Bikedays to contact the NCC's partnership team at **partnerships@ncc-ccn.ca**.

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Wynne wants to talk pot with her fellow premiers at meeting

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Premier plans to ask for counterparts' thoughts

As Canada's provincial and territorial leaders gather for their annual summer conference, Premier Kathleen Wynne wants the inside dope from her colleagues about legalized recreational marijuana.

"I can tell you I'm going to ask people what they're thinking about it," Wynne said.

Her comments come as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government prepares to end the prohibition of marijuana.

Trudeau has appointed former deputy prime minister Anne McLellan to lead a task force of medical and legal experts to consult with provinces, municipalities, and Canadians before releasing a report in November that will serve as the template of next year's legislation.

While marijuana is not on the meeting's formal agenda, Wynne said there will be "opportunities for us in casual conversation."

"I'll certainly be saying, 'How are you guys dealing with this? You know what I'm saying; what are you saying?'"

Here's where some of her fellow premiers stand on the subject of marijuana:

BRITISH COLUMBIA Premier Christy Clark has expressed concern on the effects of weed on children and teenagers.

"We need to make sure that young people whose brains are growing, will not be allowed unfettered access to getting marijuana," Clark told Global News in December. "Just like we have with alcohol … (if) it's something that government is prepared to endorse and allow, we should make sure that the rules are very clear that we don't want young people to be using it," she said.

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne THE CANADIAN PRESS

NOVA SCOTIA Premier Stephen McNeil's government has a working group examining the issue, including whether weed should be sold at government-owned Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation stores.

"Canadians are asking for it, Canadians believe it's time to have marijuana legalized," McNeil said in April, noting "I'm sure there will be tax revenue, yes."

QUEBEC Premier Philippe Couillard's government, which owns the Société des alcools du Québec monopoly, has said it does not want marijuana sold on SAQ shelves.

Finance Minister Carlos Leitao said in February that they have "no plan, no idea, no intention of commercializing" cannabis.

MANITOBA Premier Brian Pallister said in April that legalization is "a concern for parents, it's a concern for all … that this be done properly."

SASKATCHEWAN Premier Brad Wall's government, meanwhile, has three of his cabinet ministers studying how legalized weed will affect road safety.

"I don't think we have clear answers on the potential effects on driver safety and what the plan is to prevent impaired driving due to marijuana use," Wall said in May.

"There are still too many accidents and deaths due to drunk drivers and all governments are taking steps to crack down on that. Legalizing marijuana could certainly mean more impaired drivers, which no one wants," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A woman in a mask points a gun to her head in Winnipeg on Tuesday. CONTRIBUTED

Dramatic Winnipeg takedown

Winnipeg police say officers who tackled a masked teenager standing with a gun to her head in the middle of a major street Tuesday handled the volatile situation perfectly.

"As a deputy chief I must say that the restraint, the bravery, and the actions of those officers today is exemplary," said Deputy Chief Gord Perrier late Tuesday afternoon.

Around 9:50 a.m. local time, nine police units including a tactical support team descended on the historic intersection of Portage and Main, where a girl wearing a white kabuki-style mask stood with a gun pressed against her head.

Within the next four minutes, the girl removed the mask, attempted to walk away with the gun in her hand and was taken down by a tactical officer and arrested.

Perrier said he reviewed images from the dramatic scene on social media and met with the officers involved.

"(They) were very critical in their evaluation of the people around the intersection, what firing their weapon may mean for people in the surrounding area," he said, adding that to their knowledge, the girl was holding a loaded handgun.

After the situation was over, police learned the firearm was fake, but the officers approaching her didn't learn that until it was over. Perrier said neither officers nor the girl fired. METRO

HEALTH

Canadian-made Zika traps heading to Rio

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A team of entrepreneurs based in Toronto is doing its part to ease Zika virus concerns among Olympians headed to Rio.

About 250 biodegradable mosquito traps made by upstart Greenlid have been donated to the Canadian Olympic Committee and will be placed around areas where the athletes are living and training while in Brazil.

Jackson Wyatt, co-founder of Greenlid, said the goal is to create a "mosquito shield on the perimeter of where our athletes will be."

Wyatt and his brother, Morgan, started producing the paper-based traps about two years ago, out of their passion to eliminate plastics in the fight against mosquitoes.

Since then, they've shipped thousands of traps to Australia where the government uses them to fight off dengue fever. About 10 other countries are running similar trials, including Brazil, Ecuador, Nigeria, Pakistan and Indonesia.

Each biodegradable trap costs about $1, which is almost five times cheaper than traditional plastic traps or mosquito nets, Wyatt said.

Morgan Wyatt, Jackson Wyatt and Adil Qawi. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

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Pokémon Go helping cancer patient stay active

A Toronto woman has incorporated Pokémon Go into her cancer treatment plan.

Sixty-year-old Lisa Freedman, a lawyer, has to walk at least 20 minutes a day to help recover from the radiation used to treat her breast cancer.

But the treatment has left her fatigued. "I have no energy to get off the couch," she said.

And when she did find the energy to go on walks, she said it was boring.

"When I walked, I didn't have a purpose," she said.

So her 22-year-old son told her to download the mobile Pokémon Go app to give her a reason to walk around outside.

The cellphone-based game sends players into the real world to search for digital monsters, who appear on screen when users hold up their iPhones or Android devices in various locations at various times.

"For the last couple of days I've been happily walking around the neighbourhood, finding Pokémon," Freedman said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lisa Freedman THE CANADIAN PRESS

ATTEMPTED COUP

Tens of thousands lose jobs in Turkey

Asserting that "all the evidence" points to a U.S.-based Muslim cleric as the mastermind of last week's failed coup, Turkey's government on Tuesday fired tens of thousands of teachers, university deans and others accused of ties to the plot and demanded the cleric's extradition.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan raised the issue in a phone call with U.S. President Barack Obama, and his spokesman said the government was preparing a formal extradition request for the cleric, Fethullah Gulen. But he also suggested that the U.S. government shouldn't require the facts before extraditing him.

"A person of this kind can easily be extradited on grounds of suspicion," said the spokesman, Ibrahim Kalin. "And there is very strong suspicion for his involvement, for Gulen's involvement, in this coup attempt. So this is sufficient ground."

Later, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said that Turkey had submitted materials related to Gulen and the administration was reviewing whether they amounted to a formal extradition request. Earnest added that a decision on whether to extradite would be made under a longstanding treaty between the two countries, and wouldn't be made by Obama.

Gulen has strongly denied the government's charges, suggesting that Friday's attempted coup could have been staged as a pretext for the Erdogan government to seize even more power. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CRACKDOWNS

Tuesday's dismissals touched every aspect of government life.

- The latest purges were intended to blunt the influence of Gulen, an Erodgan rival who has been in self-imposed exile in Pennsylvania since the late 1990s and whom the government has long accused of being behind a "parallel terrorist organization."
- The government announced the firing of nearly 24,000 teachers and Interior Ministry employees and demanded the resignations of another 1,577 university deans.

People wave Turkish flags during a meeting in support of the Turkish president in Istanbul on Tuesday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

GERMANY

Train attacker vowed 'revenge' on 'infidels'

A 17-year-old Afghan asylum-seeker vowing "revenge on these infidels" went on an axe-and-knife rampage on a train in southern Germany, wounding five people before being shot and killed by police — an attack that German authorities conceded Tuesday was almost impossible to prevent.

German officials didn't identify the attacker or the victims, but Hong Kong's immigration department said among those wounded were four members of a family of five from the southern Chinese city.

At least one member of the Chinese family and another woman attacked outside the train were in life-threatening condition, according to Bamberg prosecutor Erik Ohlenschlager.

Daesh claimed responsibility for the Monday night train attack, which came less than a week after the Bastille Day truck attack in Nice, France, also claimed by Daesh, in which 84 people were killed.

Bavaria's top security official Joachim Herrmann said, while the Nice attack was "clearly another dimension," in both cases the choices of weapons and targets made them "extremely difficult to prevent in any fashion." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Delegates hold signs and celebrate during the second day of the Republican National Convention on Tuesday in Cleveland, Ohio. The convention nominated Donald Trump as their presidential standard-bearer. GETTY IMAGES

Trump nominated amid plagiarism controversy

U.S. ELECTION

Campaign insists no evidence of plagiarism

The plagiarism accusations centre on Monday night's well-received speech by Republican nominee Donald Trump's wife, Melania Trump. Two passages — each 30 words or longer — matched a 2008 Democratic convention address by Michelle Obama nearly word-for-word.

Trump's campaign managed only to keep the controversy alive on Day 2 of the convention by insisting there was no evidence of plagiarism, while offering no explanation for how the strikingly similar passages wound up in Mrs. Trump's address. The matter consumed news coverage from Cleveland, obscuring Mrs. Trump's broader effort to show her husband's softer side.

Passages of Melania Trump's speech matched a 2008 speech by Michelle Obama nearly word for word. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Democrat Hillary Clinton pounced on the tumult, saying the Republican gathering had so far been "surreal," comparing it to the classic fantasy film Wizard of Oz.

"When you pull back the curtain, it was just Donald Trump with nothing to offer to the American people," Clinton said.

Top Trump adviser Paul Manafort said the matter had been "totally blown out of proportion."

"They're not even sentences. They're literally phrases. I was impressed somebody did their homework to think that that could be possibly done," Manafort said.

In the midst of the plagiarism allegations, Republicans officially nominated Trump as their presidential standard-bearer, capping the billionaire businessman's stunning takeover of the GOP and propelling him into a November faceoff with Democrat Hillary Clinton.

"I will work hard and never let you down!" Trump quickly wrote on Twitter following the roll call vote.

Trump's campaign hoped the formal nomination would both end the discord surging through the Republican Party and overshadow the convention's chaotic kickoff, including the plagiarism charge involving Melania Trump's address on opening night.

There were flurries of dissent on the convention floor as states that Trump did not win recorded their votes, but he far outdistanced his primary rivals.

Colorado's Kendal Unruh, a leader of the anti-Trump forces, called the convention a "sham" and warned party leaders that their efforts to silence opposition would keep some Republicans on the sidelines in the fall campaign against Clinton. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAY 2

He carries a gun to protest 'fascist policies'

Micah Naziri
STEVEN GOETZ/FOR METRO

All day Tuesday, media swarmed around Micah Naziri, who openly carried an AR-15 assault rifle through the streets.

Naziri said he came to town from his home in Yellow Springs, Ohio, "to protest and oppose Donald Trump's proposed fascist policies."

"The message I want to send is that if anyone attempts to unconstitutionally and illegally create a fascist police state in the United States, they will be resisted," Naziri said.

While Naziri answered Metro's question, another man badgered him over his head covering, asking if he was a Muslim. Naziri smiled and calmly refused to answer, insisting it was a distraction from the purpose of his protest.

He compared Trump's campaign to Adolf Hitler's in 1932: "His rhetoric was very much like Trump's and in the beginning no one took him seriously.

"There are such large numbers of Trump supporters saying awful things about depriving large groups of people of their constitutional and human rights," he said. "This is something that should be bothering anyone who believes in freedom."

STATISTICS CANADA STUDY

Laid-off Canadians go back to school

A new Statistics Canada study says there are significant correlations between job layoffs and full-time enrolment in post-secondary education.

To illustrate its findings, the report released Tuesday said men who lost their jobs in 2008 — at the start of the recession — were five times more likely to register for post-secondary education than those who weren't laid off.

The research found 3.1 per cent of men who lost their jobs that year went back to school on a full-time basis. In contrast, only 0.6 per cent of men who didn't lose their jobs between 2001 and 2011 enrolled in full-time, post-secondary schooling.

Among women laid off in 2008, 3.1 per cent of them enrolled full time in a post-secondary institution, compared with one per cent of women who didn't lose their jobs between 2001 and 2011.

The goal of the paper was to take a closer look at how people respond after losing their job, or even when they anticipate a possible layoff.

"The substantial increases in full-time enrolment observed among men and women displaced in 2008 suggest that adult workers respond to job loss by enrolling full time in (post-secondary) institutions," said the report, co-authored by Wen Ci, Marc Frenette and Rene Morissette.

The study also found that, in general, workers laid off between 2001 to 2011 were two to four percentage points more likely than other workers to go to school.

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PRE-EMPTIVE

The study found correlations between layoffs and full-time post-secondary education, starting two years before a job loss and the two years that followed a job loss, suggesting some workers concerned about the future of their positions may pre-emptively enrol in post-secondary institutions as a precaution.

IN BRIEF

U.S. Capitol complex picks BlackBerry crisis system

BlackBerry says it has received a multimillion-dollar order for its AtHoc secure software that would be used in the U.S. Capitol complex in times of crisis.

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Pirate Joe's owner Mike Hallatt, who resells products from U.S. specialty grocery store Trader Joe's, stocks shelves as he works to reopen his store at a new larger location in Vancouver. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Grocery free agents on the rise in Canada

SHOPPING

Convenience, desire for exclusive items behind trend

It's one of Vancouver's worst-kept secrets.

Since 2012, diehard fans of U.S. grocery chain Trader Joe's have been able to get their hands on Speculoos Cookie Butter and Triple Ginger Snaps at a tiny storefront in the city's Kitsilano neighbourhood.

The cheekily named Pirate Joe's, which first opened under the guise of a traditional Romanian bakery, has shelves and shelves of more than 1,000 Trader Joe's products and was the brainchild of owner and founder Mike Hallatt.

After being closed for four months, the store is set to reopen this week at a bigger location.

Hallatt says customers gravitate towards his business because of brand loyalty and a frustration with the choices and prices at his big-box grocery competitors.

Pirate Joe's isn't the only small grocery delivery service in the country.

In November, a husband and wife team started Comfort.to to bring Costco orders to those living in downtown Toronto who don't have a store membership, want to avoid the shopping crowds or lack the time or access to a vehicle to get to the chain's suburban stores.

Since its launch, Comfort.to has had more than 1,200 orders — sometimes up to 25 deliveries per weekend. Each customer is charged a flat fee of $10 for a delivery.

The appeal of the service, says 29-year-old founder Vitaliy Savitsky, is that customers, especially those living downtown, want better value on their grocery bills.

Ron Damiani, a spokesman for Costco Canada, says the retailer is a wholesaler and therefore doesn't take issue with Comfort.to reselling its products to people who may not have memberships.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD ON MELANIA'S PERFORMANCE

Spousal speeches are intended to humanize candidates. But Donald Trump is committed to a singular, flat caricature. Depth is the antithesis. Humanizing him is the exact opposite of the goal.

It was either 24 hours of a hot Melania mess, or one more checked box for the Trump campaign.

Either Melania Trump has been humiliated after her Republican convention speech echoed, at times word for word, sections of Michelle Obama's historic 2008 endorsement of her husband, or her speech had more in common with My Little Pony (according to a Republican party strategist) and, anyway, she "hit it out of the park," according to Trump's chief campaign strategist, who may or may not have been responsible for the speech.

Plagiarism allegations aside, Melania Trump offered a relatively flawless execution. Pundits and news outlets politely did not mention the occasional misuse of English. Many seemed careful — if not keen — to help Melania save face for mispronunciations she can't help, while giving a speech she was loath to make.

Nothing's gained from pointing out a few misplaced S's, they calculated. But then again, many pundits suggested nearly nothing at all was gained from the speech. It floated along with empty phrases ("he loves this country so much"), instead of feeding the expectation that we might learn anything interesting or intimate at all about Melania or her husband.

Spousal speeches are intended to humanize candidates, like an exclusive interview with People magazine (You might be surprised to hear it, but Mr. Hotstuff simply hates kale!), and pundits weren't feeling they got enough tidbits about Trump's morning bed hair or that one special moment when the facade fell down and he seemed vulnerably human.

But that should not surprise us. As we learned again this week from Trump's The Art of the Deal ghostwriter, Tony Schwartz, Trump adores the strongman image. He's obsessed with the attention, and the myth. He's committed to a singular, flat caricature. Depth is the antithesis. Humanizing him is the exact opposite of the goal.

ACCORDING TO PLAN Melania Trump waves after addressing delegates as her husband, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, applauds during the Republican National Convention on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's also doubtful that "Men for Trump" (an actual campaign button sported at the convention) need to see a human, anyways. The demonstrably false image of an omniscient, unimpeachable, and alpha male demagogue seems to be selling just fine.

But women are viewed differently. They are seen to need some kind of soft touch, and given Trump's abysmal polling among that half of Americans, Melania was also expected to help bring the ladies on board. This goal makes further sense given the "Women for Trump" event Monday, in which speakers were forced to ask themselves questions because the turnout was so low.

It may have worked. As reported by Julia Ioffe in Politico magazine, Republican women ate Melania right up. They loved the dress, they loved her "elegance." They hate Michelle Obama — insight that was offered without prompting from Ioffe — and were glad to think that, under Melania, "the White House will go back to what it used to be." Besides being beautiful, one cooed, "she's submissive to her husband." Their comments about an outspoken, inelegant Michelle were more subtle examples of the racism and xenophobia on display through the convention's first day, a hum of joyous anger where delegates treated various speakers' anti-immigrant and anti-Islam messages like scripture.

But the darkest atmosphere descended upon mention of one name: Hillary Clinton. It was a viscous sound. Deep and rumbling. Even across the airwaves into a Canadian apartment, it gave me chills. Imagine being hated that much, I thought. The crowd sounded bloodthirsty, as if, were Clinton to actually arrive, all hell literally could break loose. At its height, a mother of an American government staffer killed in the Benghazi attack whipped up calls for Clinton's imprisonment. And when the plagiarism accusations took over the news cycle Tuesday, it was Clinton who many blamed for seeding the story.

That, of course, is silly. But no Trump fan would mind. What the Melania-speech scandal shows is exactly what we should have learned by now: The narrative, not the truth, is what drives Donald Trump's presidency bid. A sexy, subservient and substanceless Melania suits the 1950s-white-America nostalgia of Trump's campaign just fine.

Clinton is a perfect target for their teeth-gnashing both because she advocates for all the progressive changes wrought since then, and also because she's strong-armed her way out of that traditional wifely role. The sexism that haunted her 2008 bid has gone nowhere. It's actually quite at home — even amplified — in Cleveland. There, hating her for Benghazi hit ludicrous heights, because she's doubly hated as a woman who's defied her traditional role.

This convention has already been dubbed a "horror show" of D-list celebrity speeches, failed insurrections and plagiarism. But that's by people who it was never meant to entertain.

The true unknown in this election is the size of the nominee's target market: those who are susceptible to Trump's messaging, to his persona, to his empty promises. This whole week will be about them.

And that's what makes it all so frighteningly grave.

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Bring home Canadian man trapped in Egypt

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All three of us have spent substantial time in Egypt's most notorious prisons among thousands of people arbitrarily detained — activists, journalists and regular citizens, Egyptian and non-Egyptian. Tireless advocacy and political lobbying finally helped bring us home, but we left behind those who weren't as lucky.

One of those prisoners is Canadian permanent resident Khaled Al-Qazzaz, a philanthropist, educator, husband and father, whose wife and four children are all Canadian citizens, and who now faces life-threatening injuries as a result of his imprisonment. We believe that the Liberal government under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau can bring him and his family home.

Like many people who are arbitrarily detained, Khaled was not charged with a crime. He was arrested in 2013 and spent hundreds of days in solitary confinement. He was kept in the adjacent cell to Mohamed Fahmy, a journalist with Al Jazeera at the time. As Khaled will surely tell you, it's the sheer physical loneliness that's toughest to deal with, the feeling of being cut off from family and friends. He and Mohamed tried their best to console each other as they dealt with this feeling.

An international campaign, spearheaded by his wife, Sarah, and amplified by thousands of supporters, finally managed to force the Egyptians to release Khaled in late 2014. Khaled's children, excited to see their father after years apart, travelled with their mother to Egypt. The first priority: to get Khaled to a Canadian hospital, where he could finally be treated for a life-threatening spinal ailment acquired in prison.

The family finally got to the Cairo airport, hoping to fly to Canada together, only to be told by Egyptian officials that Khaled is on the country's no-fly list. Sarah and her kids can leave, but Khaled has to stay. Devastated, they all chose to remain in Cairo. The Egyptian authorities confiscated the money Sarah saved for her husband's spinal treatment, and even froze the family's business assets in Egypt, leaving them financially crippled.

We ask that Prime Minster Trudeau put himself in Khaled's position. What would he do? Would he choose to keep his family close and live under constant threat or would he choose to send his family back home and be cut off from them yet again?

The prime minister can end this nightmare by making a call to President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi. Yet the prime minister has delegated his responsibility to his junior ministers. Why? Releasing us did not hurt Canada-Egypt relations. Releasing Khaled won't either.

Trudeau has not brought Khaled home, though he has announced $30 million in grants to Egypt with millions more to come.

Khaled and his family can get home if our prime minister makes the call.

John Greyson is an associate professor at York University

Mohamed Fahmy is a Canadian-Egyptian journalist

Tarek Loubani is a physician

All three were held in Egyptian jails without just cause.

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GENDER ISSUES

Females fighting for place on craft brewing scene

There's no doubt about it — the craft beer industry is booming. The number of licensed breweries in Canada has grown 70 per cent over the past five years. Craft beer sales in Ontario have more than doubled in the same timeframe. In B.C., sales have tripled.

However, even with the boom, there are few women working in the industry, particularly as brewers and in positions of leadership.

And, no, it's not because men drink all of the beer. Women account for 30 to 40 per cent of craft beer consumption. Plus, historically, beer was almost solely produced and sold by women. It wasn't until the Industrial Revolution, when financial opportunities were realized, that the industry shifted.

During a recent craft brewers' panel discussion, Ellen Bounsall, one of the founders of McAuslan Brewing in Montreal said only two women in Canada were involved in brewing when the craft beer industry started in the '80s.

And while there are no hard statistics about the number of women working in the industry in Canada today, it does appear to be slowly on the rise.

Erin Kloos, brewer at Grand River Brewing in Cambridge, Ont. says like in many professions, women have to work harder to break into the craft brewing industry. KATHERINE WISSENZ

CBC recently reported three female head brewers in B.C., of 120 craft breweries. Niagara College offers a brewing program where eight to 22 per cent of the students are female each year. So, while there are no longer just two female brewers in Canada, the industry is still male dominated.

"I think you have to acknowledge that there are disparities between men and women in the brewing world," says Erin Kloos, brewer at Grand River Brewing in Cambridge. "You see it everywhere in society, women have had to work harder to break into sports, politics, business and essentially every other field, so what would make the beer industry any different?"

Being a woman working in a "man's world" has its share of challenges. Kloos says she's gone to brew planning meetings where the immediate opinions are "to go light, fruity, figure-fitting and spritzy" when creating something for female consumers. "Most of the beer-drinking women I know, love and appreciate the darkest, hoppiest, boozi-est stuff we've got," she says.

However, the problems don't stop there. Female brewers have shared stories on everything from inappropriate jokes and sexual propositions to not receiving the same respect and acknowledgement in the workplace as their male counterparts.

Garnet Siddall, president of Side Launch Brewing in Collingwood and vice chair of Ontario Craft Brewers acknowledges there has been limited progress made so far. "The women that have joined have done so because they love the industry despite the issues in it," she says. "Any progress has come because of the individuals who have forged their way bravely into the mix. And they haven't always had a warm welcome."

Ken Beattie, executive director of the B.C. Craft Brewers Guild, which is run by an entire male board, declined to comment, but offered several names of B.C. female brewers.

However, the women working in the craft beer industry have recognized the need to support their peers and have created various groups and events to do so, such as International Women's Collaboration Brew Day, Barley's Angels and the Society of Beer Drinking Ladies.

The association of Ontario Craft Brewers is also developing a strategy to support women in the industry. "We need to address the issue, admit there is one and collect some basic data. We need a baseline from which to measure our progress," says Siddall.

"Then we need to figure out what the specific problems are. Marketing? Hiring? Education? Work environments? What exactly is it that is preventing women from entering the field that they created? Once that basic legwork is done then we can begin to address them.

"Very basic stuff, but we have to start somewhere."

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KLOOS' PICKS

- "I'm a huge fan of **Steamworks**, headed by Julia Hanlon out in Vancouver," says Kloos. "Not only for the awesome recipes she has developed, but also for the atmosphere in the brewery."
- "Nicole Hynes from **Sweetgrass Brewing** in Toronto is developing some delightfully current brews," says Kloos. She's also a fan of **Side Launch** and **Garrison Brewing Co.** in Halifax.

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Bill Maher takes aim at conventions

POLITICS

Host adds new slots this week and next for U.S. nominations

When did Bill Maher hatch the idea for special Real Time broadcasts during the political conventions?

"Maybe when Donald Trump began talking about riots," Maher replies with a puckish grin.

That was way back in March, when the now-presumptive GOP presidential nominee warned of riots at the convention if any efforts arose to snatch the nomination from him.

Such a thing now seems unlikely, but this week's Republican convention in Cleveland, followed by next week's Democratic shindig in Philadelphia, still promise to be "crazier and more outrageous and more interesting than ever," says Maher, almost smacking his lips.

No wonder he's supplementing his weekly Real Time hour (Fridays at 10 p.m. EDT on HBO) with half-hour pop-ups tonight and tomorrow as well as July 27 and 28 for a rapid response to each night's goings-on.

Also available to non-HBO subscribers by live-streaming on the Real Time YouTube channel, each edition will include a monologue as well as Maher's signature New Rules commentary and, in between, discourse led by Maher with his in-studio guests (Tonight it will include documentary filmmaker Michael Moore, political correspondent Joy Reid and advice columnist Dan Savage; on Thursday, economic equality advocate Heather McGhee, California Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom and economist Robert Reich).

Each program is scheduled to air live at 11 p.m. EDT — that is, unless significant stuff is still happening: "You can't interrupt a riot," Maher cracks.

Bill Maher will supplement his Real Time hour with half-hour pop-ups tonight and tomorrow as well as July 27 and 28. CONTRIBUTED

He isn't the only observer who will cast a special comic eye on the proceedings.

- Comedy Central's Trevor Noah is originating The Daily Show from Cleveland's Breen Center for the Performing Arts this week at 11 p.m. EDT and next week from the University of Pennsylvania.
- CBS' The Late Show with Stephen Colbert (11:35 p.m. EDT) will broadcast live from its New York studio with teams on-site at each convention delivering reports. (Each week of live shows will be specially themed: The 2016 Trumpublican Donational Conventrump and The 2016 Democratic National Convincing.)
- TBS' Full Frontal with Samantha Bee" (Mondays at 10:30 p.m. EDT) presents a road-to-Cleveland special interviewing regular Americans along the way. It airs tonight at 10:30 p.m. EDT, with hopes for another special pegged to the Democrats' convention.

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FIRST LADY SINGS

Corden, Obama ready for their Karaoke joyride

Michelle Obama's Carpool Karaoke joyride with James Corden will air Wednesday on the late-night host's CBS show.

The U.S. first lady and Corden sing "This Is For My Girls," described as a "girl power anthem" intended to promote full access to education worldwide. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NETFLIX

Making a Murderer gets new episodes

Making a Murderer fans, rejoice. On Tuesday, Netflix announced executive producers/directors Moira Demos and Laura Ricciardi are working on new episodes of the true crime series.

These episodes will focus on the post-conviction process of convicted murderer Steven Avery and co-defendant Brendan Dassey.

"The viewers' interest and attention has ensured that the story is not over, and we are fully committed to continuing to document events as they unfold" said creators, Ricciardi and Demos in a release.

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CORRECTION

An article on dating while HIV positive in the July 19, 2016, edition of Metro stated that the drug Truvada is not approved in Canada for HIV prevention. Truvada, a type of PrEP (Pre-exposure prophylaxis) was approved for this use in February 2016. Metro regrets the error. METRO

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

With Trump, it's now too serious for jokes

THE SHOW: Late Show with Stephen Colbert, July 18, 2016 (CBS)
THE MOMENT: Jon Stewart's cameo

Host Stephen Colbert knocks on the door of a remote cabin. A bearded Jon Stewart answers. "You will not believe who the Republican nominee is," Colbert says, as Stewart takes a sip of tea. "Trump."

Stewart's spit take hits Colbert's face. "The guy who filed for bankruptcy in '91?" He asks. "And '92, and 2004, and 2009? That guy?"

"Same guy," Colbert says. "The guy who looks like an angry creamsicle."

"Decomposing Jack O'Lantern," Stewart says.

Colbert nods. "The guy who said, and I quote, 'I have black guys counting my money. I hate it. The only guys I want counting my money are short guys that wear yamulkes all day.' So you can see why I'm here."

Stewart fetches Colbert's former persona from The Colbert Report. He does his own spit take at the word "Trump." After a commercial, Former Stephen enters the CBS studio on a gold chariot borne by buff, shirtless Uncle Sam's, and riffs on the word "Trumpiness."

Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert polish off their old personas this week on the Late Show, but it doesn't hold up. CONTRIBUTED

It should be comforting to see Stewart and Colbert back in form. Instead, it made me feel slightly ill. Because day one of the U.S. Republican convention was a sickening affair, beginning with racial insults and ending with Melania Trump's plagiarized speech.

Stewart and Colbert's old personas don't hold up, because it feels too late for jokes now. The divide between the issues of the world and Trump's inadequacy to handle them is too serious.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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HERE'S WHY

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The hot heat of summer doesn't deter us from getting our caffeine fix. While blended iced beverages are tasty and filling, we shouldn't be drinking our calories. If you're craving a cool coffee drink, stick to the original, not the fancy flavoured drinks. Between the whipped cream and the vanilla and chai flavour base, you're adding creamy calories, fat and loads of sugar. A regular iced coffee, made with 18% cream, has over three times less calories, fat and sugar. To make it even less of an indulgence, get it made with milk and ask for half the sugar.

TREND

Celery — the veg that gets no credit

When Master Chef judge Graham Elliot was asked to name the most underused vegetable, his reply was immediate: Celery!

"I love it for the crunch, and for its slight bitter edge," says the celebrated Chicago chef and restaurateur.

"You can juice it, shave it into salads, pickle it, garnish a cocktail, make stock … there are so many things you can do with celery," says Elliot, "and it's inexpensive."

Fellow cookbook author Barbara Kafka agrees, calling celery "massively ignored except in chicken soup or tuna salad."

She could have added Ants on a Log, the popular kid's snack of celery sticks stuffed with peanut butter and dotted with raisins.

The sturdy green stalks weren't always so unloved. During Medieval times, wizards believed celery seeds could help them fly. And celery leaves, which most of us discard, were woven into garlands found in the tomb of Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamen.

We can probably thank the French for forcing us to buy a bunch of celery every time we make a soup or stew. In a mirepoix (soffritto in Italian), chopped celery is sautéed gently with onions and carrots for a flavourful base. The leaves are also bundled into a bouquet garni with bay leaves, parsley and thyme sprigs to flavour stock.

Now that meals have morphed into an all-day graze, celery is a superstar. Its portability and refreshing crunch — it's actually 95 per cent water — makes it an ideal snack. As Elliot says, crunch away! TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Some chefs claim celery is 'massively ignored' except for soups or stews. ISTOCK

FOOD BRIEFS

Inception a wine for all

While every wine label tells a story some are way more War and Peace than they are a haiku. Take the 2012 Inception Deep Layers Red ($13.95-$14.99) for example. You'd think being made in the beautiful Stellenbosch region of South Africa from an inspired blend of Shiraz, Petit Verdot and Mourvèdre would be enough of a tale to encourage you to pick up a bottle.

Though it has nothing to do with the wine's creation or taste; Distell, its creator, has built a whole narrative around its name through its front panel. Resembling an artsy tattoo, Inception's label is a graphic cornucopia starring Adam and Eve surrounded by tree branches loaded with hidden images.

Aimed squarely at millennials, it proved a hit with the more mature crowd I hang with at a recent barbecue.

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REVIEW

Already handsome sedan ups its game

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Some people will tell you midsize sedans don't sell anymore; that they're a dying breed pushed aside by the popularity of the crossover.

Those people are what I like to call "wrong." Sure, crossovers are a big deal these days, but midsize sedans are nothing to scoff at either, with close to three million sold in North America each year.

Which brings us to the 2016 Mazda6. It's not the newest midsize sedan on the market, but it may still hold the title as the best looking — and one of the best in the business.

It's rare that a design language translates so well to so many different forms, but Mazda has accomplished that with its current lineup. Park the 6 alongside any other model in Mazda's stable and the family ties are immediately evident. The few character lines the sedan does have tie in nicely with its muscular shoulders.

Little has been done to the exterior of Mazda's flagship sedan for 2016, save for a revised grille design, while cars in GT trim, like our tester, add LED headlights, fog lights and grille illumination, but the changes only add to the esthetic appeal of an already handsome sedan.

Of all the cars in the midsize segment, the Mazda6's interior, at least in GT trim, comes closest to encroaching on premium car territory. And it's inside where the most work has been done for this model year, with a host of changes made to improve the cabin's feel and function.

Mazda's Heads-Up Cockpit concept is executed to perfection here, with a driver-focused interior that puts all the controls well within view and reach. The in-dash infotainment screen has been replaced with a freestanding unit a la Audi and Mercedes-Benz, lowering the height of the dash, while the move to an electronic parking brake, a first for Mazda, cuts down on console clutter and makes room for what matters. And what matters is the new infotainment control knob, which proves easy to use while driving, though its functionality is wisely — though at times frustratingly — limited while the vehicle is in motion.

To describe the Mazda6's drive as engaging tells only part of the story. The chassis is nice and stiff and the suspension borders on sporty, but it's pliable enough to make for a comfortable ride.

The only engine available is a 2.5-litre four-cylinder, which is a bit disappointing considering what the 6 could be with a larger engine — and considering the class-leading Honda Accord is available with a V6 available under the hood.

Overall though, the Mazda6 Grand Touring hits all the marks that are sure to keep this segment rolling along for years to come.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 MAZDA6

THE BASICS

Engine: 2.5L turbocharged four-cylinder
Power: 184 hp, 275 kg/m
Transmission: Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic
Fuel Economy: 8.5 L/100 km city, 5.9 L/100 km hwy (automatic w/i-ELOOP)
Price: $37,390 (as tested)

LOVE IT

- Impressive cabin quietness
- Upmarket interior feel
- Sharp-looking exterior design

LEAVE IT

- Underpowered engine
- Regenerative braking system
- Lack of Android Auto/Apple CarPlay

TECHNOLOGY

VW, LG collaborate on connected car platform

Jason Siu
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Volkswagen has announced a partnership with LG Electronics to develop a next-generation connected car platform.

The two companies have signed a memorandum of understanding on joint research and development on Volkswagen's Cross-Over-Platform, aimed at enhancing vehicle connectivity and convenience. The connected car platform will take advantage of the latest in cloud technology to offer drivers seamless digital access to numerous features, some of which will focus on smart home and location-based services.

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> **Richard Choi, head of LG Cloud Center**

In the announcement, Volkswagen said the companies will focus on bringing together the connected car and the smart home so that vehicle owners can control and monitor smart devices in their homes.

That means drivers will be able to control their lights, security systems and domestic appliances, straight from their vehicles.

The two companies will also work on a context-sensitive notification centre that can deliver messages in an intuitive and safe manner, providing optimized recommendations to the driver in real time.

The collaboration will also result in a next-generation infotainment system for connected cars.

"LG Electronics and Volkswagen are teaming up to develop the next generation of connected car platform that allows wide integration with smart home services and adoption of open IoT connectivity technologies," said Richard Choi, head of LG Cloud Center.

"We think LG's expertise in smart technology together with Volkswagen's leadership in the automotive sector will revolutionize the way drivers interact with their vehicles."

WHEELS BRIEF

Rolls-Royce releases Phantom image

Rolls-Royce is preparing to launch a new flagship Phantom model and the brand has released a teaser image of the car.

While it offers no details on styling, the image shows a Rolls-Royce technician working with the new aluminum architecture that will underpin the re-engineered Phantom.

The all-new Phantom is set to arrive in 2018.

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Big cat hunts for trouble

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Workers may get robot glove

General Motors wants to be the first company to test a new robotic glove that should help factory workers assemble cars by reducing grip fatigue.
GM has licensed its RoboGlove technology to a Swedish medical technology company called Bioservo Technologies. The original RoboGlove, which was developed by GM and NASA, took nine years to create and was sent into space in 2011.
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DESIGN

Student creates Lexus concept

Could this be the Lexus of the future? Probably not, unless Lexus decides to hire the design student who created this Lexus LF-LA concept. Drawing inspiration from the Lexus LFA and LC, Yang Sun has created this unique concept that he shared on his online portfolio. The drawing shows some new expressive curves, but it's not out of step with what we've come to expect from the brand. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

CROSS PROMOTION

Jaguar XF goes tornado chasing

Jaguar has teamed up with a U.S.-based tornado chaser, sending him into the thick of things with a new Jaguar XF. "Tornado Tim" Baker was given an XF for a late-season chase that led him on a 3,220-kilometre long expedition across seven different states until he eventually caught up with a category EF 0 (97 to 113 km/h winds) tornado, about two hours outside of Chicago. "It took us a while to track one down, but when the weather map delivered, the car did too," said Baker. "The navigation and in-car Wi-Fi, which allowed us to connect our multiple devices, worked brilliantly in the chase. The all-wheel-drive capability was also excellent as we travelled through rain and floods on loose gravel roads," he said. Of course Jaguar sent a video crew along for the ride, so you can watch as Tim chases the storm in the new XF. Power for the car comes from a supercharged 3.0-litre V6 that makes either 340 or 380 horsepower.
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ART

BMW i3 'Spaghetti Car' as ridiculous as it sounds

BMW and longtime partner Toilet Paper have created the BMW i3 "Spaghetti Car." The German automaker was quick to clarify that the BMW i3 Spaghetti Car isn't an official BMW Art Car, and will be destroyed sometime after the Rencontres d'Arles Festival of Photography that runs until Sept. 25. Toilet Paper is a bi-annual avantgarde picture-based publication and brand created by artist Maurizio Cattelan, and together with Pierpaolo Ferrari, the BMW i3 Spaghetti Car was born. Cattelan himself has instructed the car to be destroyed after the event and has actually officially retired from "art" since 2011. So that means the BMW i3 Spaghetti Car isn't an official BMW Art Car, nor is it officially art. The strange BMW i3 will be part of Toilet Paper's "Hors Cadre / Out of context" exhibition. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

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WHEELS IN BRIEF

The LaFerrari Convertible already sold out

Want to enjoy hypercar performance and open-air motoring? Ferrari has the answer with its new LaFerrari Convertible, but you can't buy one.

For now, Ferrari has only released photos of the car, with the rest of the details set to arrive at the Paris Motor Show in September of this year. Ferrari won't say exactly how many of these limited-edition cars it will produce, but it doesn't really matter, because every single one is spoken for and the order books are already closed. Buyers will be able to choose either a carbon fiber hard-top roof or a soft top. Specifications for this car won't change from the standard variant, which means that a 788-horsepower V12 is paired up with a 120 kW electric motor.
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What Koenigsegg staff drive

WORKPLACES

Swedish supercar superstars show appreciation

Stephen Elmer
AutoGuide.com

Koenigsegg builds some of the fastest and most meticulously constructed cars on the planet, but what do they drive home after a long day at work?

Koenigsegg staff recently gathered for a family day where they were invited to bring their loved ones and prized vehicles to show off. As you may expect, it is clear that a lot of workers at the Swedish supercar company are passionate about automobiles based on what they choose to drive. And no, they're not all Saabs!

A love for American muscle is clearly shared among the Swedish workers, who brought a 1969 Camaro SS, a last-generation Mustang, a Ram 1500 and even an older Mercury. More than a few of the cars are custom tuned as well, with one employee sporting a Nissan 200SX with more than one horsepower per kilogram.

CUSTOM CAR
Easily one of the best custom upgrades seen was a kid's toy turned car carpet, installed in a nice-looking Opel Kadett.

And if you're wondering what CEO Christian Von Koenigsegg drives, he's on record gushing about his Tesla Model S and how he thinks it's better than the BMW M5.

Koenigsegg CEO Christian Von Koenigsegg loves his Tesla Model S.

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IN BRIEF

Ariel Atom eyes hybrid powertrain from Acura NSX

The head of Ariel, Simon Saunders, recently spoke about next-generation Atom models and how the British automaker plans to keep up with changing times. Saunders confirmed in the past that Ariel had investigated the possibility of using hybrid powertrains from Honda, but discovered that none were powerful enough, until now.

With the introduction of the NSX and its new hybrid setup, Ariel sees possibilities for its small track terror.

Saunders also believes that the powertrain will become more affordable once Honda adopts the technology throughout its range of vehicles.

"The technology in the NSX is cutting-edge and expensive, but it will work its way down the food chain to the hot hatches," he said. "At that point, it becomes achievable for us to use in the Atom."

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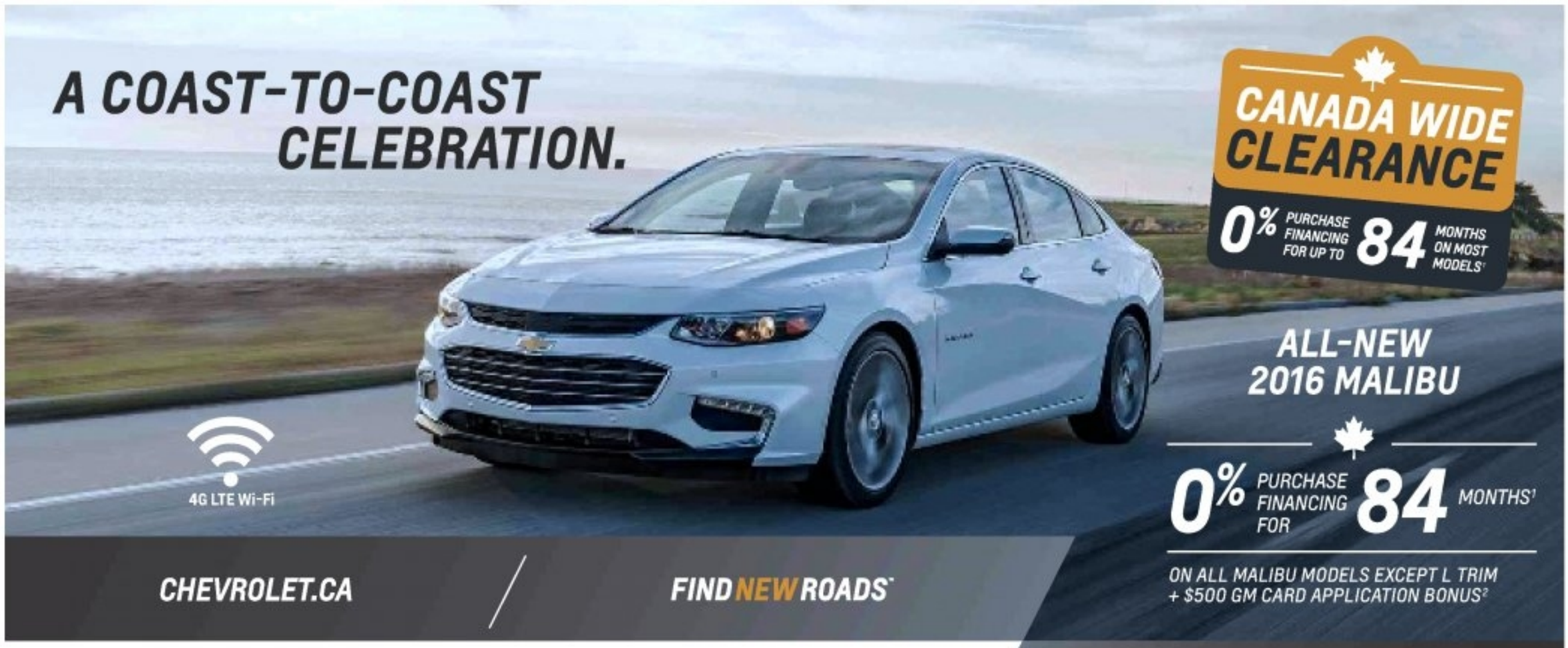

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The San Francisco Giants have signed former Jays pitcher Kyle Drabek to a minor-league deal with the intention of auditioning him as a shortstop

5 STAR ATHLETES WHO COULD MISS OUT

Russia is facing a possible ban from next month's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro for its repeated doping scandals. If the ban is imposed, it would shake up the medal standings. Here are five Russian stars whose absences would be greatly felt:

1 Nataliya Ishchenko

With three Olympic and 19 world championship gold medals to her name, Ishchenko typifies Russia's total domination of synchronized swimming — it's won every Olympic event this century. If no Russians compete in Rio, China and Spain would fight for the two gold medals on offer.

2 Yelena Isinbayeva

The world record holder in the pole vault and a two-time Olympic gold medallist, Isinbayeva would compete at her fifth games in Rio, but she faces extra obstacles to get there. Russia's track and field team is already banned from the games due to widespread doping, and Isinbayeva's hopes rest on a successful appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

3 Aliya Mustafina

She led the Russian gymnastics team which narrowly failed to beat the U.S. to gold in the women's all-around in 2012 and also won individual gold in the uneven bars. While Mustafina has been plagued by injuries since, she bounced back with two European championship gold medals last month. Russia has arguably the world's richest tradition of excellence in gymnastics, and if its athletes aren't in Rio, the U.S. and China will benefit in the medal table.

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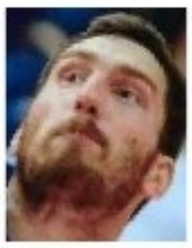
4 Yulia Efimova

One of the world's top breaststroke sprinters, Efimova spearheads the Russian swim team for Rio despite previous brushes with the anti-doping authorities. She bounced back from a drug ban to win 100-metre gold at last year's world championships in a fiercely competitive race with her longtime rival, Lithuanian teenager Ruta Meilutyte. Efimova missed four months this season after testing positive for meldonium.

5 Maxim Mikhaylov

Top scorer when Russia won the men's volleyball competition at London 2012, Mikhaylov would be a formidable opponent in Rio. Host nation Brazil had to settle for silver four years ago but is fired up for a gold medal in front of its home crowd.



GOLF

DeLaet hungry to bring medals home

There was a time when Graham DeLaet thought he would never be able to represent his country on the Olympic stage.

Now DeLaet will be part of a Canadian team brimming with potential when golf makes its Olympic return at the Rio de Janeiro Games following a 112-year absence.

The Canadian Olympic Committee and Golf Canada officially introduced the Olympic golf team Tuesday in Oakville, Ont. DeLaet will join a potent squad including 18-year-old phenom Brooke Henderson, David Hearn and Alena Sharp.

"Up until a few years ago I never really thought I'd ever have the chance to be an Olympian," said a smiling DeLaet. "Even just saying that and the closer and closer we get to Rio the more it's kind of sinking in. It's a pretty special opportunity, there's no question.

"Both David and I and Brooke and Alena, we want to bring back some hardware." THE CANADIAN PRESS

1904

Golf was played at the 1900 Paris Games and again in St. Louis in 1904. It was supposed to be an Olympic competition at the 1908 London Games, but when organizers couldn't agree on the format of play it was dropped from the slate of, not to reappear for over a century.

CFL

Harris on top after 28-of-31 Week 4

Trevor Harris continues to make the Ottawa Redblacks look good on the field and shrewd in the front office.

For the third time in four weeks, the Redblacks quarterback has been named one of the CFL's top performers. Harris set a new single-game completion percentage record (minimum 30-plus attempts) with 90.3 per cent after completing 28 of 31 passes for 392 yards in a 30-20 win at Toronto on Wednesday. Harris also ran in a TD.

Ottawa signed Harris in the off-season to back up 41-year-old Henry Burris, last year's CFL outstanding player of the year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

OLYMPICS

IOC reviews legal options on Russian ban

With just over two weeks until the opening ceremony, Russia still doesn't know whether its athletes — all or even some — will be competing in the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. It may all come down to the lawyers.

While the IOC decided Tuesday to ban from the Rio Games all Russian Sports Ministry officials and other administrators implicated in allegations of a state-run doping program, it delayed a ruling on whether to take the unprecedented step of barring the entire Russian Olympic team.

The International Olympic Committee said it "will explore the legal options with regard to a collective ban of all Russian athletes for the Olympic Games 2016 versus the rights to individual justice."

The IOC has also said it could let individual international sports federations decide on whether to ban Russians from their events in Rio, just as the IAAF has done by ruling track and field athletes from the Games. The 28 international federations that govern the individual sports at the summer games have made clear that they do not support a blanket ban.

The IOC's legal options may become clearer after Thursday, when the highest court in sports will rule on an appeal by 68 Russian track and field athletes seeking to overturn their ban from the Games.

Two-time Olympic pole vault champion Yelena Isinbayeva was among those arguing the Russian track and field team's case Tuesday in Geneva at the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Should the court rule Thursday in their favour, it would seemingly rule out the chance of the IOC imposing a blanket ban.

If the court upholds the IAAF's exclusion of the track athletes, however, that would keep the possibility of a total ban in play. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **"The Olympic movement, which is a tremendous force for uniting humanity, once again could find itself on the brink of division.**
> Russian President Vladimir Putin

IN BRIEF

Another first-round loss for Montreal's Bouchard

Italy's Camila Giorgi upset fifth-seed Eugenie Bouchard 7-5, 6-4 on Tuesday in the first round of the Citi Open in Washington, D.C.

It's the fourth time in the past 10 Bouchard has lost her opener. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Welterweights Condit, Maia moved to Vancouver

The welterweight bout between Demian Maia and Carlos Condit has been shifted from UFC 202 to the main event of the UFC show in Vancouver on Aug. 27. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WWE served concussion suit

More than 50 former professional wrestlers sued World Wrestling Entertainment Inc., saying the company is responsible for repeated head trauma including concussions they suffered in the ring that led to neurological damage.

Jimmy (Superfly) Snuka, Joseph (Road Warrior Animal) Laurinaitis and Paul (Mr. Wonderful) Orndorff are among the plaintiffs who filed the lawsuit Monday in federal court in Connecticut. Stamford-based WWE denies the allegations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Salmon and Zucchini Skewers

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Rich, Asian flavours elevate this simple and healthy meal to something elegant enough to serve to guests.

Ready in
Prep time: 25 minutes
Total time: 35 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 tsp grated ginger
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 Tbsp rice wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- 3 filets of salmon
- 2 or 3 small zucchinis

Directions

1. Soak wooden skewers in water for at least 20 minutes.

2. Whisk together the ginger, soy, vinegar and sesame oil. Place salmon filets in the marinade for 20 minutes

3. Remove the salmon from the marinade and cut the filets into chunks — maybe 1 x 2 inches — and set aside. Slice the zucchini into rings and toss in the marinade quickly. Thread the fish and veggies onto the wooden skewers.

4. Preheat your grill or grill pan to medium high and wipe the grill with oil. Place the skewers over the heat and give each side about three minutes before turning. Serve these skewers over steamed rice or a bed of greens.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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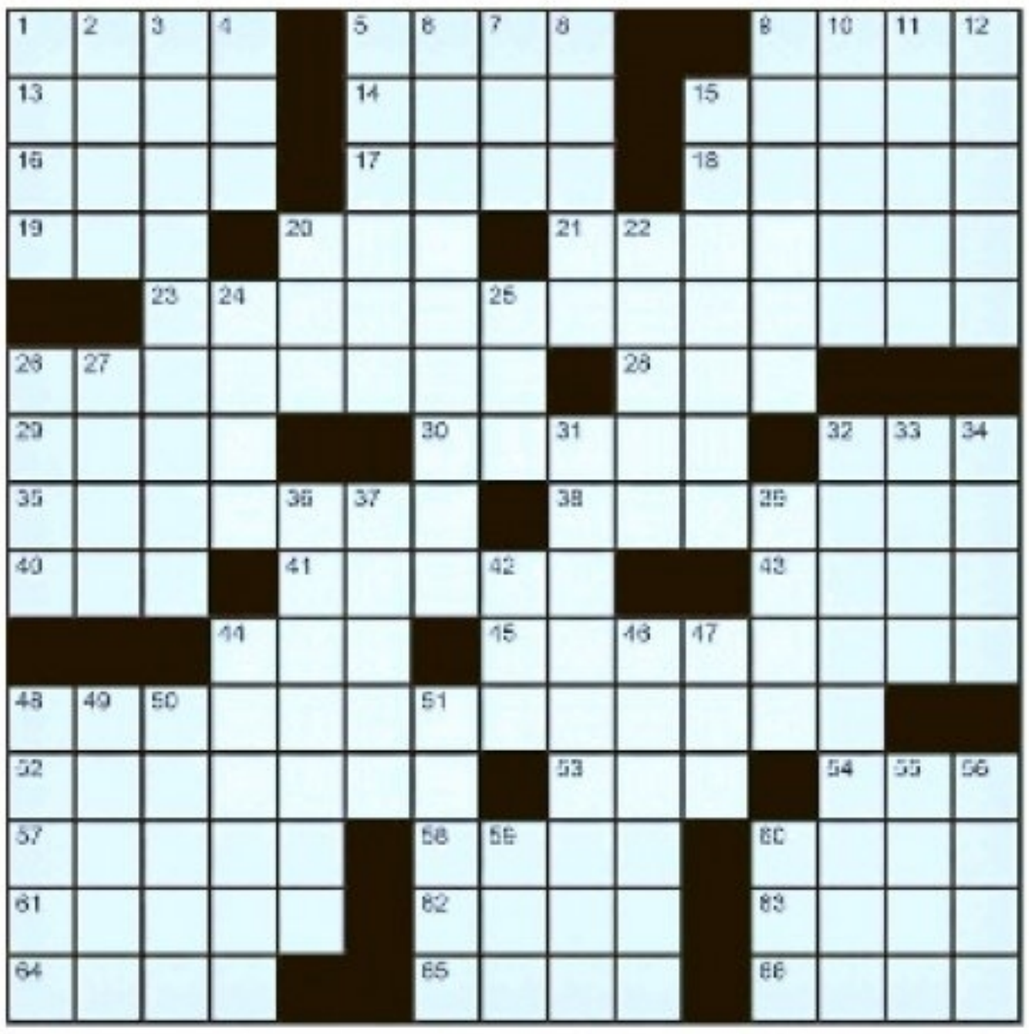

ACROSS
1. Medical concern
5. Brother of Cain and Abel
9. Caught the traffic officer's attention
13. Courts
14. British singer Ella
15. "Monte _" (2011) starring Selena Gomez
16. Cheerful song
17. _ Admiral
18. _ oil
19. Fox's characteristic
20. Wanna-_ (Aspirants)
21. One doing some spiffy-ing up
23. Professions of Johnny, Dutch and D'avin on the show at #45-Across: 2 wds.
26. Pantene and Selsun Blue field
28. Baseball great, "_ Wee" Reese
29. "Dancing Queen" band
30. Legendary Canadian heavy metal band
32. "Rubber Ball" singer Bobby
35. "La Strada" (1954) director Federico
38. Carnivore's completely carnivorous creation's content: 2 wds.
40. Football prop
41. Nobleman's home
43. "The '_ 'e knows above a bit..." - Rudyard Kipling
44. Gnarly!
45. Interplanetary adventure series on Canadian specialty channel Space
48. Sockeye or Chinook: 2 wds.
52. The Turtles title song lady
53. _-relief
54. Gremlin
57. Ashton's "That '70s Show" character
58. Irish actor Mr. Meaney
60. Danish shoe brand
61. Oxford University college
62. Inkling
63. Quebec 'lakes'
64. 7th Greek letters
65. Fewer
66. Emerald _

DOWN
1. Pointed tools
2. Spring
3. Religious read: 2 wds.
4. Superlative suffix
5. _ Joy (Former televangelist character in Margaret Atwood novel The Handmaid's Tale)
6. Looking into a computer screen too long woe
7. 1708 Attilio Ariosti opera, Amor _ Nemici
8. Pulitzer-winning journalist Seymour
9. Military greeting
10. Cost
11. Young eel
12. Getting-things-done people
15. Rock singer/songwriter Chris (Soundgarden and Audioslave)
20. Tampa Bay footballer, for short
22. Iris centre
24. Toothbrush brand, _-B
25. Languish
26. Knife handle
27. Have _ _ in one's bonnet
31. Fluctuating factors
32. Kirstie Alley sitcom, "_ Closet"
33. Simple
34. Sherbrooke 'summers'
36. "How silly of me to believe you ...yet again!": 3 wds.
37. Rock bottom
39. Magic† spell
42. Sanctions, shortly
44. Washes
46. Certain cud-chewers
47. Initials-sharers of The Bionic Man's portrayer
48. Tea, Orange _
49. Aware
50. Salsa singer Ms. Cruz
51. Mr. B. DeMille
55. Gladiator's 1250
56. Model
59. Poetic tribute
60. Inventor Mr. Whitney

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a good day to discuss the care and education of children. It's also a good day to lay the groundwork for social or sports events.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You might see ways to make practical and beautiful improvements to where you live. What can you do to make your home run more efficiently and beautifully?

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Serious discussions with others will go well today. This is a good time to make plans for the future when talking to siblings, relatives and neighbors.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If shopping today, you might find things that are both practical and beautiful. Meanwhile, this is an excellent day for business and commerce, because you see secure ways of making money.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Today you are realistic about protecting what you own. If shopping for clothing you will buy practical, long-lasting and beautiful items.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you work alone or behind the scenes today, you will be amazed at your accomplishments. That's because you are goal-oriented and willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Listen to good advice from someone older or more experienced. In particular, this applies to discussions about the arts, the entertainment world and the hospitality industry.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will impress parents, bosses and people in authority with your ideas today. They see that you take your obligations seriously, and that you see many angles to things.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It's easy to study today, because you want to learn something new. Furthermore, you will take your time to plow through something dry and tedious to get what you want.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is an excellent day to smooth troubled waters about inheritances or disputes about shared property. Both parties will see ways to arrive at a mutually beneficial agreement.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Sit down with a close friend or partner and discuss the obligations of the relationship. You can solve problems today; people understand what is realistic.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You can get a lot done at work today, because co-workers are cooperative. In addition, you will see practical ways to elegantly do things. Bravo!

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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